



George Latimer
County Executive

April 6, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to amend its current year Capital Budget (the "Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adopt a related bond act ("Bond Act") to finance the following capital project:

BCR59 – Security Systems Upgrade ("BCR59").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current year capital budget to add \$1,400,000 in County funds for project BCR59.

This project funds security systems upgrades at the County's correctional facility in Valhalla. The Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,400,000, would finance the purchase and installation of Network Video Recorders ("NVRs") to replace existing, obsolete Digital Video Recorder technology.

Upon approval of bonding authorization, it is estimated that the NVR's will be purchased and installed by December 31, 2021.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been classified as a "Type II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

In addition, Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. Accordingly, the required Planning Board report is herewith attached.

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Based on the importance of this project to the County, your Honorable Board's favorable action on the proposed Capital Budget Amendment and Bond Act is most respectfully requested.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
County Executive

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Attachment

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmission from the County Executive recommending approval of an Act amending the County of Westchester's (the "County") current-year Capital Budget (the "Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the "Bond Act") which, if approved, would authorize the County to issue \$1,400,000 in bonds to finance capital project BCR59 – Security Systems Upgrade ("BCR59").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current year capital budget to add \$1,400,000 in County funds for project BCR59.

Your Committee is advised that this project funds security systems upgrades at the County's correctional facility in Valhalla. The Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,400,000, which was prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield and Wood, LLP, would finance the purchase and installation of Network Video Recorders ("NVRs") to replace existing, obsolete Digital Video Recorder technology.

Upon approval of bonding authorization, it is estimated that the DVR's will be purchased and installed by December 31, 2021.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this conclusion.

In addition, Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. Accordingly, the required Planning Board report is herewith attached.

Your Committee is advised that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of this Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County's Capital Budget, as well as to adopt the related Bond Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment.

Dated: _____, 2021
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BCR59

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

Current Appropriations

Capital Budget Amendment

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 1,400,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 0.47%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 283,965

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,419,825

Finance Department: Interest rates from March 22, 2021 Bond Buyer - ASBA

SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations

(describe in detail for current and next four years):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 15

SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: William Fallon

Title: Director of Administrative Services


Department: Correction

Date: 3/25/21

Reviewed By: 
Budget Director

Date: 4/2/21

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: March 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BCR59 SECURITY SYSTEMS UPGRADE**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 02/08/2021 (Unique ID: 1621)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(31):** purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.
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COMMENTS: None.

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cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
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Lorraine Yazzetta, Associate Budget Director
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RESOLUTION 21-08

WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Amendment of Planning Board Report on 2021 Capital Project Requests

BCR59 Security System Upgrades

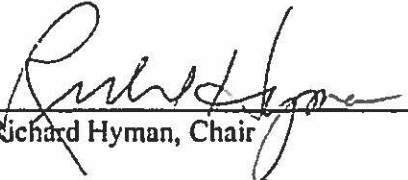
WHEREAS, the County Executive will submit legislation to the County Board of Legislators which would provide funding for **BCR59 Security System Upgrades** by adding an appropriation to the 2021 Capital Budget for the acquisition and installation of security system equipment at the County Correctional Facility at the County-owned Valhalla Campus; and

WHEREAS, bonding in the amount of \$1,400,000 is requested for the purchase and installation of equipment to replace existing DVRs, an obsolete technology, and

WHEREAS, the project is generally consistent with *Westchester 2025 – Policies to Guide County Planning*, as adopted by the Planning Board on May 6, 2008 and amended on January 5, 2010 by maintaining county facilities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, amends its Report of 2021 Capital Project Requests to include funding for **Capital Project BCR59 Security System Upgrades** and gives the project a rating of “PL1” – “A project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Planning Board.”

Adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021


Richard Hyman, Chair

An Act amending the 2021 County
 Capital Budget Appropriations for
 Capital Project BCR59 - Security
 Systems Upgrade

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

| | Previous 2021 Appropriation | Change | Revised 2021 Appropriation |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| I. Appropriation | \$250,000 | \$1,400,000 | \$1,650,000 |

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2021 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF
 FINANCING

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Bonds and/or Notes | \$250,000 | \$1,400,000 | \$1,650,000 |
| Non County Shares | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Cash | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Total | \$250,000 | \$1,400,000 | \$1,650,000 |

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.